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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoshitaka Masutani et al.   :

                                  :   Art Unit: 3737

Serial No.: 10/626,320   :

                                  :   Examiner: Jasani, Ashish S.

Filed: July 24, 2003   :

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For: FIBER RENDERING   :
           APPARATUS   :

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

1.   Transmitted herewith is:
        Amendment (11 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated August 28, 2006
        Transmittal Form (3 pgs.), in duplicate
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STATUS

2.   Applicant
      ☐   claims small entity status.
      ☒   is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	$ 120.00	$ 60.00
_____ second month	$ 450.00	$ 225.00
_____ third month	$ 1,020.00	$ 510.00
_____ fourth month	$1,590.00	$ 795.00
_____ fifth month	$2,160.00	$1,080.00

Fee: $ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor $_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request $_____

OR

(b) **X** Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4.   The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

		(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL			MINUS		=	x $25.00 = $		x $50.00 = $
INDEP.			MINUS		=	x $100.00 = $		x $200.00 = $
___	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ $180.00 = $		+ $360.00 = $
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE $	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE $

(a)   ☒   No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b)   ☐   Total additional fee for claims required $ _____

FEE PAYMENT
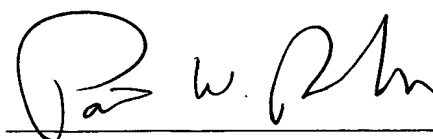
5.   Attached is a check in the sum of $_____

☐   Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of $_____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6.   ☒   If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

☒   If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7.   ☐   Other:

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